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Serial No.: : G.A.U: Not Yet Known
: Examiner:

TITLE: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING SHEETMETAL WORKPIECES TO BE WELDED

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request preliminary amendments be made to the specification of the United States patent application identified above and provided herewith. The proposed amendments are made to the English translation of the specification of the PCT patent application Serial No. PCT/CH99/00518 from which the present application claims priority. The proposed changes are requested to put the specification in form acceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to eliminate any indefiniteness that may exist in the translated version of the PCT specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the requested amendments do not add any new matter into the present application. Applicants include herewith a redline version of the English translation of the original PCT specification of the parent application showing the proposed amendments, and a copy of the same

specification with the proposed changes incorporated directly therein. In addition, a copy of FIGS. 3 and 4 of the original PCT drawings marked-up in redline with proposed changes, and a copy of the same with the proposed changes incorporated directly therein, are enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$896.00 accompanies this amendment to cover the additional claims added. In the event a fee in excess of the amount provided for in the accompanying check is due, please charge our Deposit Order Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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